(d) Ths export of sugar will depend upon the surplus availability of freesale sugar, requirement for internal consumption, production, etc.

(e) With the cary over stocks at the beginning of the season and the expected production during the current 1996-97 season, there would be sufficient availability of sugar to meet the internal requirement of the country.

**National Lake Conservation Scheme**

5880. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lakes in the country included in National Lake Conservation Scheme during the last three years;

(b) whether Sagar Lake of Madhya Pradesh is proposed to be included therein for implementation during the 9th Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) A proposal for 11 out of 21 identified urban lakes in the country was prepared under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) for taking up under Phase-I Sagar lake of Madhya Pradesh was included in the Phase-I of the proposal. Besides this 18 water bodies in the country have been identified by the Ministry for intensive conservation; under the scheme on conservation and management of Wetlands.

(c) and (d) The proposal on NLCP was submitted to the Planning Commission for implementation during the 9th Five Year Plan. The Planning Commission had desired that funding for NLCP may be sought from bilateral or multilateral agencies. Accordingly, a proposal on lakes from NLCP and other wetlands of international importance is under consideration for assistance from the World Bank.

**Dialogue with Naga underground faction**

5881. SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government agreed to hold dialogue with the Naga underground faction even if they come separately;

(b) if so, whether the Government have laid down any condition before the said Naga underground faction;

(c) if so, the extent by which the Naga underground faction has agreed for talk; and

(d) the time by which the talks are likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The Government have extended an open invitation to any group of individuals including militants to discuss their legitimate grievances, without any pre-condition.

(c) and (d) There has been only a preliminary contact with a Naga underground faction. No time period can be indicated for a formal commencement of the talks.

*[Translation]*

**Foreign Assistance for Agriculture Development**

5882. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance has been received for the development of agricultural and research during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 from the international financial institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount out of this assistance disbursed to each State during the said period; and

(d) the progress made in regard to improvement and development of agricultue sector in each State with such assistance during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) State/Project-wise financial assistance received for development of agriculture and research from World Bank and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 is given in the enclosed statements-I and II respectively.

(d) Assistance from World Bank aimed at minimising the process of ecological degradation, enhancing the level of agriculture production and for creating basic infrastructure for multi-sectoral activities, keeping in view the overall agriculture strategies and priorities of the beneficiary States. The projects have impact in terms of increase in cropping intensity and productivity, augmentation of income generation from such activitiee as crop husbandry agroforestry, dry land horticulture, live-stock management, rural roads, drinking water, minor irrigation etc.

The assistance from IFAD has been given primarily for projects whose objective is to improve the standards of living of disadvantaged groups with higher incidence of poverty such as Tribal populationa, women as well as for extremely underdeveloped areas like the Mewat region of Haryana. Project components include development of rural infrastructure, promotion of minor irrigation and water

conservation works, education of women, credit to poor etc. The projects do not focus specificially on production related aspects. These projects are supplementing the efforts for agricultural development in the States concerned.

***Statement-I***

*Details of World Bank Assistance to States for Agriculture Development*

(Rs. in crores)

| Sl.No. | Projects | States | Years | | | Total | Remark |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | | |
| 1. | Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project (ARIASP) | Assam | - | 6.95 | 7.33 | 14.28 | Started in 1995-96 |
| 2. | Bihar Plateau Development Project | Bihar | 11.32 | 23.05 | 20.92 | 55.29 | |
| 3. | U.P. Sodic Land Reclamation Project | Uttar Pradesh | 6.45 | 19.96 | 37.22 | 63.63 | |
| 4. | Agriculture Development Project - Tamil Nadu | Tamil Nadu | 46.80 | 68.73 | 56.68 | 172.21 | |
| 5. | Agriculture Development Project - Rajasthan | Rajasthan | 48.35 | 54.70 | 51.83 | 154.88 | |
| 6. | Integrated Watershed Development Project (Plains) | Gujarat, Orissa and Rajasthan | 19.23 | 26.42 | 51.60 | 97.25 | |
| 7. | Integrated Watershed Developments Project (Hills) | Haryana, J & K, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab | 22.16 | 34.93 | 28.58 | 85.67 | |
| 8. | Shrimp & Fish Culture Project | Andhra Pradesh, Bihar Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal | 3.15 | 9.58 | 14.49 | 27.22 | |
| 9. | National Seed Project-III | Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, U.P. and West Bengal. | 13.88 | 128.25 | 69.90 | 212.03 | |
| 10. | National Agricultural Research Project-II | Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Karnataka, Kerala, M.P., Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, U.P. & West Bengal. | 9.59 | 24.70 | 17.80 | 52.09 | |
| 11. | National Agricultural Extension Project-III | Assam, Bihar, H.P., Punjab and U.P. | 42.73 | 15.88 | - | 58.61 | |
| 12. | Agriculture Human Resource Development Project | Andhra Pradesh, Haryana & Tamil Nadu | - | 10.35 | 11.73 | 22.08 | |
| | | Total | 223.66 | 423.50 | 368.08 | 1015.24 | |

***Statement-II***

*Project-wise financial assistance for Agriculture Development by International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)*

(Amount in US $ million)

| | Project Name | State | 94-95 | 95-96 | 96-97* | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Orissa Tribal Development | Orissa | 1.434 | 2.157 | 1.336 | 4.927 |
| 2. | Tamil Nadu Women Development | Tamil Nadu | 0.764 | 3.840 | 3.839 | 8.443 |
| 3. | Andhra Pradesh Tribal Development | Andhra Pradesh | 2.741 | 1.268 | 1.717 | 5.726 |
| 4. | Maharashtra Rural Credit | Maharashtra | 2.000 | 0.340 | 1.795 | 4.135 |
| 5. | Andhra Pradesh Participatory Tribal Development | Andhra Pradesh | 1.800 | 1.268 | 1.467 | 4.535 |
| 6. | Mewat Area Development | Haryana | - | 1.200 | 0.000 | 1.200 |
| | Total | | 8.739 | 10.073 | 10.154 | 28.966 |

Note : * - As on 31.01.1997

*[English]*

**Terrorist activities in Assam**

5883. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tea gardens in Assam have again become the target of ultras;

(b) the number of incidents of attack, murder reported from the State during the last one year;

(c) whether the Government propose to take specific measures to deal with the problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Tea gardens, alongwith other public places, security personnel, political leaders etc. have been under attack by militants in Assam.

(b) According to available information there have been 410 incidents of violence envolving 377 killings in Assam during the last one year (2.5.96 to 30.4.97).

(c) and (d) Government has taken various steps to brign the law & order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter-alia* induction of additional Army, para-military forces to mount counter insurgency operations against militants, strengthening of intelligence machinery, formation of Strategy Group and Unified Headquarters for coordinated operations against insurgents, regular review at State and Central level, etc.

*[Translation]*

**Consumption of Fertilizers**

5884. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of consumption of fertilizers in the cultivable land wherein permanent crops are grown in the contry during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, State-wise;

(b) the efforts made by the Government for increasing the consumption of fertilizers in the country during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any action plan and provide incentives for increasing the consumption of fertilizers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) State-wise total fertilizer consumption in all crops during 1994-95, 1995-96 is given in the enclosed statement.

(b) To increase the consumption of fertilizers, the scheme of concession on sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers is being implemented and the Central assistance disbursed under the scheme during the last three years is as follows:

1994-95 Rs. 527.95 crores
1995-96 Rs. 500.00 crores
1996-97 Rs. 1671.73 crores